



Welcome to the new Indiana University Dept of OB/Gyn newsletter. Our new name and look is an attempt to keep the faculty, staff and students apprised of the changes and happenings of the department and women's health care in general. We hope you enjoy this and future issues of "Special Delivery."

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Indiana hosts ACOG! The Annual District V Meeting is being held in Indianapolis Oct 1-3rd, The is a unique opportunity to showcase our city to a broader audience. For more information go to:
http://www.acog.org/ACOG%5FDistricts/dist_web.cfm?recno=15

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l to r: Dr. Melissa Holt, PGY2, Medical Student,
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INDIANA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

School of Medicine

Welcome

The Department is pleased to announce that **Giuseppe Del Priore, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG** has accepted the position of Section Chief and Director of Gynecologic Oncology.

Dr. Del Priore is currently an Associate Clinical Professor, the Vice-President Research, and Chairman of the IRB at the NYU Downtown Hospital, a NY-Presbyterian Health Care Member. He is also Fellowship Director for the York State Empire Clinical Research Investigator Program, Director Gynecologic Oncology, and Associate Residency



Program Director at the NY Downtown Hospital. He is an Honorary

member of the European Society of Gyn Oncology and Consultant at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, National Health Service, London; only one of two physicians ever to hold that honorary position. His extensive training includes an M.P.H. in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from the University of Illinois School of Public Health; an M.D. with Distinction in Research from the State University of New York Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn,

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The Beering Lecture



The 2009 Steven C. Beering Awardee is **Bert W. O'Malley, M.D.**, the Thomas C. Thompson Distinguished Service Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. O'Malley earned his bachelor's degree and M.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and completed his residency at Duke University. He spent

four years at the NIH followed by four years serving as the Luscious Birch Professor and the Director of Reproductive Biology Center at Vanderbilt University, before accepting his current position at Baylor. Dr. O'Malley's work has been on the primary actions of steroid hormones and nuclear receptors. He has published over 600 papers and holds 20 patents in the fields of gene regulation, molecular endocrinology and steroid receptors.

In 2008, Dr. O'Malley was awarded the National Medal of Science. Dr. O'Malley will present "Pathways of Steroid Hormone Action" to the graduate, 1st and 2nd year medical students at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 27 in Emerson Hall.

He will present the Beering Lecture on "Nuclear Receptor Coactivators: Mechanisms and Medical Relevance" at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28 in the Riley Outpatient Center Auditorium. CME credit is available.

Women's Health Symposium



"Empowering our Patients for Health" is the theme for the 6th Annual Symposium on Women's Health for Primary Care Providers, held on Friday, October 16, 2009 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Designed for primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other health care providers who manage the primary

health care needs of women in their practices and residents-in-training, this daylong symposium will provide up-to-date information on a variety of diagnosis and treatment issues as they relate to women's health care.

For more information, registration and to download a brochure, go to the [Division of Continuing Medical Education](#) website.

SILS has officially made it to the state of Indiana

The first Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery hysterectomy in the state of Indiana was performed on 7/7/09 and went extremely well. SILS has many promising advantages over traditional laparoscopic surgery. As the surgery is done entirely through the umbilicus it is muscle spar-

ing and cosmetically more appealing to many patients. They have a quicker recovery and typically have less pain. Other potential application for the SILS procedure include oophorectomy, cystectomy, LSH, LAVH.

For more information, contact [Dr. Greg Raff](#).

Del Priore

(Downstate Medical Center) and a B.A. magna cum laude, in Philosophy, from the City University of New York, Brooklyn College. Post graduate training included the University of Rochester School of Medicine, Strong Memorial Hospital, as a Gynecologic Oncology Fellow; Northwestern University School of Medicine, Prentice Women's Hospital, for Residency; plus fellowships such as "Frontiers in Reproduction: Molecular Biology Techniques," an NICHD funded program at the Marine Biology Institute,

Woodshole, MA; a Galloway Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a History of Medicine Fellow at the Osler Library of McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Del Priore's interests are broad and varied and he has published in almost every aspect of our discipline.

He is a member of numerous professional organizations and represents ACOG officially as the NY representative to the CMS Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC) and as a ACOG District II

Advisory Council Member. He has received numerous teaching, research and other awards and has been the feature of hundreds of media stories around the world.

He is married to Men Jean Lee, MD, a maternal fetal medicine specialist, and has three children.

Dr. Del Priore will begin in March, 2010 after he completes his commitments in New York.

Welcome to Dr. Del Priore and his family.

3rd Annual OB/GYN Simulation Day

The Ob/Gyn residents hosted the 3rd Annual Ob/Gyn Simulation Day on September 23, 2009. Open to all Indiana University School of Medicine students, the event showcased some of the procedures and skills used in Ob/Gyn practice.

"Stations" were set-up in the atrium of the Van Nuys Medical Science building where residents and the gynecologic endoscopy fellow provided students with exciting, hands-on learning experiences such as suturing, forceps delivery, IUD insertion, LEEP (on chicken breasts), and virtual reality laparoscopy. In addition, industry representatives were invited and provided hands-on exposure to the morsellator and vessel-sealing devices.

Attendance was robust, compared to past years, as this year's Simulation Day was in a different and very accessible location for the medical students. For many students it was an excellent "first impression" of Ob/Gyn. It also demonstrated the residency pro-

gram's commitment to education and their ability to coordinate a successful event together.



l to r: Dr. Marquia Grier, PGY 2, Dr. Teresa Han, PGY 2 and medical student



l to r: Dr. Sarah Amo, PGY 3, Dr. Donna Tisch, PGY 3



l to r: Dr. Lauren Callahan, PGY 3, Dr. Jennifer Jury, PGY 3, Dr. Bethany Skinner, M.I.S. Fellow, Dr. Megan Schellinger, PGY 4



Stephanie Nothell, medical student



l to r: Stephanie Nothell, (m.s.), Dr. Maria Vandenberg, PGY 1, Dr. Courtney Browne, PGY 1, Dr. Jessica Thomes, PGY 1



l to r: Dr. Bethany Skinner, M.I.S. Fellow, Dr. Carrie Smith, PGY 2, Dr. Emily Sammons, PGY 4, Dr. Jennifer Jury, PGY 3

Students....Hard at Work / "Play"!

PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR PATIENTS

It's not often that ob/gyn's find themselves on the front lines of a public health crisis. Did you know that the CDC reports that pregnant women, even if they are healthy, are at high risk of hospitalization and death from H1N1 swine flu? A CDC analysis shows that pregnant women are more likely than the general population to develop severe disease after infection with the pandemic H1N1 swine flu virus. They are four times more likely to be hospitalized, with an unusually high death rate.

However, the CDC recommends vaccinations for the seasonal flu and H1N1 for everyone. Practicing healthy hygiene habits

are also essential, most importantly hand washing and staying home when sick. If you have specific questions, please contact [Dr. Rana Snipe Berry](#) who is coordinating the departments' efforts.

Helpful Resources:

1. The [Marion County Health Department](#) provides seasonal flu, H1N1 and clinic information and resources. Call (317)221-3366 for the bilingual flu helpline.
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides updates and resources. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> or www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu

OB Healthcare providers, go to: www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/pregnancy/antiviral_messages.htm

3. [Flu.gov](#) provides updates for schools and businesses to prepare for the H1N1 flu.
4. [Learning Well Inc.](#), provides many Marion County public and private school children with access to primary health care, including immunizations.



A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!

On September 9, 2009, the staff of OB/GYN surprised Dr. Learman with a lunch celebrating his 50th birthday.

With Dr. Learman's family in attendance and a sumptuous array of food, this milestone was celebrated the way it should be...with family, friends and good food!

Happy 50th Dr. L!



Beverly and Lisa Learman



Dr. Lee Learman, Chair, OB/GYN

Grand Rounds

Did you know that the OB/GYN Grand Rounds begin a campus first webstreaming pilot project this month? IUSM, Clarian and the Indiana Clinic partnered to acquire state

of the art video and editing equipment to record and stream lectures. Soon providers will be able to view our lectures and receive CME credits!

The Grand Rounds schedule can be found at [Continuing Medical Education](#) located on the OB/GYN website.



Total Deliveries August 2009	
IU Hospital	75
Wishard Hospital	243
Methodist Hospital	287

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